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In re U.S. Patent Application:	)	Before the Examiner:
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Application No. 10/781,595	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Filed: February 18, 2004	)	Our Ref.: MSDI-500/PC777.00
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IMPLANTS BASED ON ENGINEERED	)	December 21, 2006
METAL MATRIX COMPOSITE	)	
MATERIALS HAVING ENHANCED	)	
IMAGING AND WEAR RESISTANCE	)	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

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In response to the restriction requirement mailed to the Applicant on October 23, 2006, please enter and consider the following remarks. A fee in the amount of \$120.00 is remitted herewith to cover the fee for a one (1) extension of time, thereby extending the time period for responding to the restriction requirement to December 23, 2006. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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